

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of this application as amended.

As a preliminary matter, in the Office Action mailed July 17, 2003, the Examiner requested that applicants provide the IDS references that have been lined through on the IDS, stating that those references were not provided with the application. Applicants respectfully submit these references were submitted along with their corresponding information disclosure statement as evidenced by the copies of the return postcards with the PTO date stamp showing that the PTO received these references. Nevertheless, applicants are resubmitting copies of these references with an IDS being submitted herewith the response.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate that these references have been considered and made of record.

Office Action Rejections Summary

Claims 65-75 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 65-75 are currently allowable over the prior art of record.

Status of Claims

Claims 65-75 remain pending in the application. Claims 65-70 and 73-75 have been amended to more properly define existing limitations. The amended claims are supported by the specification. No claims have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 88-95 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections

Claims 65-75 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as their invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims overcome the rejections.

In conclusion, applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendments set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome.


If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Daniel Ovanezian at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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